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For: METHOD FOR IMPLEMENTING )  
AUTOMATIC PROTECTION )  
SWITCHING (APS) USING CELL )  
REPLICATION )

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## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 26, 2002, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the following remarks.

## In the Claims

Presented below are the amended and new claims in a clean, un-marked format.

- 1 14. (Amended) A network switch system comprising:  
2 a plurality of processor cards comprising a central processing unit and high level  
3 software;  
4 a plurality of switch cards coupled to the plurality of processor cards and implemented  
5 with a cell replication feature, the plurality of switch cards comprised of a plurality of switch  
6 planes; and

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